

CONTENT BASED RATING

**20 Inappropriate Books
Found In Public
School Libraries**

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For Everyone

Content is appropriate for all ages

- Mild Non-explicit Violence
- No Nudity
- No Profanity
- No References to Sexual Activities
- No Drug or Alcohol Use

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Child Guidance

Some Content may not be appropriate for very young children

- Mild Profanity
- Non-Sexual Nudity
- No References to Sexual Activities
- No Drug or Alcohol Use

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Teen Guidance

Some content may not be appropriate for children under 13.

- Moderate Violence
- Moderate Profanity
- Inexplicit Sexual Nudity/Sexual Activities
- Drug or Alcohol Use

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Minor Restricted

Under 18 requires guidance of parent or guardian

- Explicit Violence
- Frequent Profanity
- Sexual Nudity
- References to Sexual Activities (NOT involving penetration, cunnilingus, fellatio, or ejaculation)
- Drug or Alcohol Abuse

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No Minors

Adult content. No child under 18.

- Explicit Sexual Nudity (depictions of sexual organs in a state of arousal)
- Obscene References to Sexual Activities (involving anal, oral, or vaginal intercourse; fingering, anilingus, or ejaculation)

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Aberrant Content

Adult only.

- Explicit References to **Aberrant** Sexual Activities (sexual assault/battery, bestiality, or sadomasochistic abuse)

Content Based Book Ratings

What the system does:

- Informs individuals of what objectionable content is in the book and the severity of that content.
- Provides a quick guide for busy parents to assess the appropriateness of a book for their child.

What the system does NOT do:

- The rating system does not provide an opinion about the books entertainment value.

What Content is Considered When Rating a Book

Nudity: Sexual or Non-sexual

Sexual Activities: Any excerpts or illustrations describing sexual arousal, intercourse, etc.

Alternate Gender Ideologies: Any excerpts or illustrations normalizing or promoting alternative gender ideologies.

Violence: Harm to oneself or others

Hate: Any excerpts or illustrations meant to instill hatred toward a group of individuals

Drugs/Alcohol: Any excerpts involving descriptions of alcohol or illegal drug use or abuse.

Profanity/Derogatory Terms

Use of the Book Ratings for Challenges

- Book ratings can be used as a guide for books to challenge.
- A rating of 4/5 or 5/5 means the book contains excerpts with explicit sexual/aberrant sexual behaviors inappropriate for minors.

In Florida, the ratings system has been used to identify books in school libraries and classrooms that are in violation of the state's Obscenity laws.

These books were presented directly to a school board member in a short list of 10 books at a time.

Each book being challenged, was accompanied by a slick sheet created for that book with 1-5 of the most severe citations found within the book.

20 Inappropriate Books Found in Public School Libraries.

1. Gender Queer by Maia Kobabe
2. A Court of Mist and Fury by Sarah J Maas
3. The Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood
4. Monday's Not Coming by Tiffany D Jackson
5. Crank by Ellen Hopkins
6. Lawn Boy by Jonathan Evison
7. George by Alex Gino
8. Fade by Lisa McMann
9. Damsel by Elana K Arnold
10. Forever... by Judy Blume
11. Infamous by Elana K Arnold
12. Last Night at the Telegraph Club by Malinda Lo
13. Lucky by Alice Sebold
14. Breathless by Jennifer Niven
15. Push by Sapphire
16. Sold by Patricia McCormick
17. The Haters by Jesse Andrews
18. Triangles by Ellen Hopkins
19. Tricks by Ellen Hopkins
20. Red Hood by Elana K Arnold

Top 10 Inappropriate Authors

1. Sarah J Maas
2. Ellen Hopkins
3. Elana Arnold
4. Lauren Myracle
5. Alice Sebold
6. Amy Reed
7. B T Gottfred
8. Colleen Hoover
9. Alison Bechdel
10. Alex Gino